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SUBJ: MUHAMMAD ALI TOUR

REF: STATE 59390; LIBREVILLE 387

1. ONLY MAJOR PROBLEM WE FORESEE WITH REGARD TO MUHAMMAD ALI MATCH IS POSSIBILITY THAT ENTIRE ABIDJAN POLICE FORCE MAY PROVE INADEQUATE TO HANDLE CROWD CONTROL. ALI IS, OF COURSE, EXTREMELY POPULAR FIGURE, AND SINCE PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET IS HIMSELF AVID BOXING FAN, OVERALL REACTION TO PROPOSED MATCH IN ABIDJAN IS SURE TO BE HIGHLY ENTHUSIASTIC.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS LIKELY TO PROVE TROUBLESOME, ESPECIALLY IF ARNOLD GROUP DOES NOT PREPARE FOR EVENT IN THOROUGH MANNER. IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FIND LOCAL ENTREPRENEUR WITH SUFFICIENT SKILL AND EXPERIENCE TO HANDLE THIS LARGE AN OPERATION. ALSO, ONLY SITE LARGE ENOUGH FOR MATCH IS SOCCER STADIUM, AND POSSIBILITY OF RAIN ALWAYS A FACTOR HERE.

3. MOST HEARTILY CONCUR PARAS 4 A AND B OF LIBREVILLE'S
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